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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fiftieth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 29 April to 17 May 2013. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 29 April 2013 at 10 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the fiftieth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fiftieth and future sessions.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
5. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.
6. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies.
7. Consideration of reports:
   (a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant;
   (b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant.
8. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.
9. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies.
10. Miscellaneous matters.

Annotations

1. Election of Chairperson and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years (rule 15). Under rule 53 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when required under rule 14. In accordance with rule 6, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

3. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings. In this connection, attention is drawn to the tentative programme of work for the session set out in the present document, which was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee in accordance with established practice.

4. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may prepare general comments based on the various articles and provisions of the Covenant with a view to assisting States parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations. The Committee decided at its fourteenth session (28 April–17 May 1996) that as from its fifteenth session its discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (days of general discussion, consideration and adoption of general comments, methods of work, NGO submissions, etc.) would be conducted under this agenda item.

During the session, the Committee will discuss methods of work and other matters.

5. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee has been discussing follow-up consistently at its sessions, and maintains the issue of follow-up to previous concluding observations as an item of discussion during dialogues with delegations, when considering subsequent periodic reports.

6. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

Under this agenda item, the Committee will continue to consider, as required, matters emanating from the Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies, held from 25 to 29 June 2012. Documentation relating to this meeting is being made available to Committee members. Members will also be informed of activities undertaken by other treaty bodies as they relate to their work.

7. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined; such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions which may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General informed the States parties in December 2012, through notes verbales, of the opening date and duration of the fiftieth session of the Committee, and invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports would be considered. A tentative timetable for consideration of those reports was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

As at 28 January 2013, 52 reports as listed below had been received by the Secretary-General and were pending consideration by the Committee. The reports of the States parties which are tentatively scheduled for consideration at the fiftieth (April/May 2013) and fifty-first (November 2013) sessions of the Committee are identified in the last columns of the tables that follow. The reports indicated to be scheduled for consideration at sessions of the Committee further in the future are the next seven to eight reports received by the Committee, generally according to chronological order of receipt. Their scheduling for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-first and future sessions is subject to approval by the Committee.

The following tables do not include States parties that were requested to submit reports by a specific deadline, failing which the Committee would proceed to examine the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in their territories in the absence of a report.

Initial reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
1. Burundi	E/C.12/BDI/1	16 Jan. 2013	30 June 1992	
2. Djibouti (initial and second periodic reports)	E/C.12/DJI/1-2	21 July 2010	30 June 2009	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
3. Gabon	E/C.12/GAB/1	26 Oct. 2011	30 June 1990	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
4. Gambia	E/C.12/GMB/1	9 May 2012	30 June 1990	
5. Indonesia	E/C.12/IDN/1	20 Jan. 2012	22 May 2007	
6. Montenegro	E/C.12/MNE/1	26 Dec. 2011	30 June 2008	
7. Thailand	E/C.12/THA/1	22 Aug. 2012	30 June 2002	
8. Togo	E/C.12/TGO/1	26 Jan. 2010	30 June 1990	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
9. Uganda	E/C.12/UGA/1	6 Dec. 2012	30 June 1990	

Second periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
10. Albania (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/ALB/2-3	9 Apr. 2010	30 June 2009 30 June 2014	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
11. Armenia	E/C.12/ARM/2	8 July 2011	30 June 2000	
12. Bosnia and Herzegovina	E/C.12/BIH/2	9 Aug. 2010	30 June 2010	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
13. China (second report) Hong Kong (third report) Macau (second report)	E/C.12/CHN/2 E/C.12/CHN-HKG/3 E/C.12/CHN-MAC/2	30 June 2010	30 June 2010	
14. Czech Republic	E/C.12/CZE/2	30 Nov. 2010	30 June 2007	
15. Egypt (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/EGY/2-4	11 May 2010	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
16. Guyana (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/GUY/2-4	10 Sept. 2012	30 June 2000	
17. Greece	E/C.12/GRC/2	31 Aug. 2012	30 June 2009	

Second periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
18. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	E/C.12/IRN/2	3 Nov. 2009	30 June 1995	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
19. Kuwait	E/C.12/KWT/2	31 Mar. 2010	30 June 2009	Fifty-first session Nov/Dec 2013
20. Kyrgyzstan (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/KGZ/2-3	3 April 2012	30 June 2005 30 June 2010	
21. Lithuania	E/C.12/LTU/2	1 Feb. 2010	30 June 2009	
22. Monaco (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/MCO/2-3	26 May 2011	30 June 2009	
23. Rwanda (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/RWA/2-4	20 Jan. 2010	30 June 1990 30 June 1995 30 June 2000	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
24. Serbia	E/C.12/SRB/2	24 Mar. 2011	30 June 2010	
25. Slovenia	E/C.12/SVN/2	22 June 2011	30 June 2010	
26. Sudan	E/C.12/SDN/2	27 July 2012	30 June 2003	
27. Tajikistan (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/TJK/2-3	22 Sept. 2011	30 June 2011	
28. Uzbekistan	E/C.12/UZB/2	2 July 2010	30 June 2010	
29. Viet Nam (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/VNM/2-4	15 Sept. 2011	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	

Third periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
30. Azerbaijan	E/C.12/AZE/3	29 Sept. 2009	30 June 2009	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
31. El Salvador (third to fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/SLV/3-5	5 Jan. 2011	30 June 2010	
32. Guatemala	E/C.12/GTM/3	16 Dec. 2011	30 June 2008	
33. Ireland	E/C.12.IRL/3	7 May 2012	30 June 2007	
34. Jamaica (third and fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/JAM/3-4 and Corr.1	6 Jan. 2010	30 June 2003 30 June 2008	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
35. Japan	E/C.12/JPN/3	22 Dec. 2009	30 June 2006	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
36. Nepal	E/C.12/NPL/3	12 July 2011	30 June 2011	
37. Romania (third to fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/ROU/3-5	15 Nov. 2011	30 June 1994 30 June 1999	

			30 June 2004	
38. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	E/C.12/VEN/3	29 May 2012	30 June 2006	

Fourth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
39. Austria	E/C.12/AUT/4	28 July 2010	30 June 2010	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
40. Belarus (fourth to sixth periodic reports)	E/C.12/BLR/4-6	19 Nov. 2010	30 June 2009	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
41. Belgium	E/C.12/BEL/4	9 July 2010	30 June 2010	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013
42. Chile	E/C.12/CHL/4	21 March 2012	30 June 2009	
43. Mongolia	E/C.12/MNG/4	22 Feb. 2012	30 June 2009	
44. Morocco	E/C.12/MAR/4	24 Jan. 2013	30 June 2009	
45. Paraguay	E/C.12/PRY/4	6 October 2011	30 June 2011	
46. Portugal	E/C.12/PRT/4	31 Jan. 2011	30 June 2005	

Fifth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
47. Denmark	E/C.12/DNK/5	25 Jan. 2010	30 June 2009	Fiftieth session April/May 2013
48. Italy	E/C.12/ITA/5	9 Aug. 2012	30 June 2009	
49. Norway	E/C.12/NOR/5	28 June 2010	30 June 2010	Fifty-first session Nov./Dec. 2013

Sixth periodic reports	Symbol	Date received	Date due	Scheduled for consideration at
50. Canada	E.C.12/CAN/6	17 Oct. 2012	6 June 2010	
51. Finland	E/C.12/FIN/6	15 July 2011	30 June 2010	
52. Ukraine	E/C.12/UKR/6	21 June 2011	30 June 2011	

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure, the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of their respective organization. The Secretary-General has invited the specialized agencies concerned to designate representatives to provide information.

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

8. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received. The Committee will have before it under this item the following document:

Note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the status of submission of reports (E/C.12/50/2).

9. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and the reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

10. Miscellaneous matters

At its twenty-first session (1999), the Committee decided to include in its agenda a standing item, "miscellaneous matters", under which it may consider any issue falling outside the scope of other standing agenda items.

Tentative programme of the fiftieth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (29 April – 17 May 2013)

First week: 29 April – 3 May 2013

Monday, 29 April			
1st meeting	(public)	Item 1	Election of the Chairperson and other officers of the Committee
		Item 2	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 3	Organization of work
		Item 8	Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
	(private)	Item 10	Miscellaneous matters
		Item 6	Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies
2nd meeting	(public)	Item 4	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: NGO submissions
Tuesday, 30 April			
3rd meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Japan
4th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Japan (*continued*)
Wednesday, 1 May			
5th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Islamic Republic of Iran
6th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Islamic Republic of Iran (*continued*)
Thursday, 2 May			
7th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Jamaica
8th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Jamaica (*continued*)
Friday, 3 May			
9th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Azerbaijan
10th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Azerbaijan (*continued*)

Second week: 6 - 10 May

Monday, 6 May			
11th meeting	(public)	Item 4	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: NGO submissions
12th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Togo
Tuesday, 7 May			
13th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Togo (*continued*)
14th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Togo (*continued*)

Wednesday, 8 May			
15th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Rwanda
16th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Rwanda (*continued*)
Thursday, 9 May			Official United Nations holiday
Friday, 10 May			
17th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Denmark
18th meeting	(public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Denmark (*continued*)
Third week: 13 - 17 May			
Monday, 13 May			
19th meeting	(private)	Item 4	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
20th meeting	(private)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
Tuesday, 14 May			
21st meeting	(private)	Item 4	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
22nd meeting	(private)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
Wednesday, 15 May			
23rd meeting	(private)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
24th meeting	(private)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
Thursday, 16 May			
25th meeting	(private)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
26th meeting	(private)	Item 7	Consideration of reports: Adoption of concluding observations
Friday, 17 May			
27th meeting	(private)	Item 4	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
		Item 5	Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
		Item 8	Formulation of suggestions and general recommendations
		Item 10	Miscellaneous matters
28th meeting	(private)	Item 10	Miscellaneous matters
	(public)		Close of session